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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

**08 C 590**

BLACK & DECKER INC. and BLACK &  
DECKER (U.S.) INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROYAL APPLIANCE MFG. CO., d/b/a  
TTI FLOOR CARE NORTH AMERICA,  
and TECHTRONIC INDUSTRIES CO.  
LTD.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

**JUDGE MANNING  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE KEYS**

**LOCAL RULE 3.4 NOTICE OF CLAIMS INVOLVING PATENTS**

Pursuant to Local Rule 3.4, Plaintiff provides the following information to be used by the Clerk of the Court as required by 35 U.S.C. § 290:

1. Name and address of Plaintiffs:
  - a. Black & Decker Inc., 1207 Drummond Plaza, Newark, Delaware.
  - b. Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., 701 East Joppa Road, Towson, Maryland.
2. Name and address of Defendants:
  - a. Royal Appliance Mfg. Co., d/b/a TTI Floor Care North America, 7005 Cochran Road, Glenwillow, Ohio.
  - b. TechTronics Industries Co. Ltd., 24/F, CDW Building, 388 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, N.T. Hong Kong.
3. Name of inventor: Hemmann, et al.
4. Patent involved in litigation: U.S. Patent No. 5,388,303, entitled "Vacuum Cleaner With Extendable Hose And Brush Disengagement," issued on February 14, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

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